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OFFICE OF  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Soliciting Requests for IRIS Assessments

**FROM:** Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta, Ph.D.  
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**TO:** Assistant Administrators and Deputies

**CC:** Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler  
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IRIS Points of Contact

On behalf of the Acting Administrator, the Office of Research and Development (ORD) is soliciting program input on priorities for future Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) assessments as well as the chemicals currently prioritized for the IRIS FY 2018–2019 Portfolio. This request is part of our continuing effort to ensure IRIS assessment activities are focused on the most important Agency needs.

To request an IRIS assessment or to confirm your continued interest in the assessments that are underway within IRIS, please coordinate with ORD to complete an IRIS Assessment Request Form (Attachment 1).

Central to effective implementation of IRIS is information that allows for a clear and common understanding by ORD and your program, not just of priorities, but of the decision or regulatory context for each IRIS assessment. Additionally, this information helps to determine the type of assessment required to meet your program needs. To ensure proper scope and timeliness, the form requires information on the decision context, level of priority your assessment needs, and a requested completion date.

To inform your requests, I am providing a list of assessments currently in the IRIS FY 2018–2019 Portfolio and the expected timeline for completion of an agency draft (Attachment 2). ORD will solicit programmatic input for new assessment needs on an annual basis, but requests for new IRIS priorities can be made at any time.

Please complete these forms by August 31, 2018, and return to me for concurrence. I will synthesize all the responses and report to the Acting Administrator. If you have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.